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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : SPROAT, Martin  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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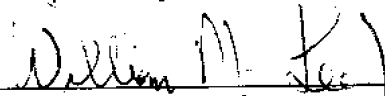
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action of October 30, 2008. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than February 28, 2009 (February not having 30 days).

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$130.00 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 14-1315.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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